

Tates Creek Road Sidewalk Project



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the LFUCG building a sidewalk on Bates Creek Road?
In an effort to make LFUCG more bike and pedestrian friendly the LFUCG has developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. During the preparation of this Master Plan the LFUCG conducted numerous surveys and public meetings regarding sidewalks and bike facilities. Sidewalks along Bates Creek Road received more request than any other corridor.
2. How was the right of way determined?
The right-of-way on the engineering drawings reflects the information obtained from the plats, deeds, and right-of-way plans along the corridor. Extensive research was done to confirm the accuracy of the right of way as shown on the plans.
3. How wide are the sidewalks?
The grant requires the LFUCG to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the grant application states that a 6 (six) foot sidewalk is proposed. However, during the preliminary design phase it became apparent that a 5 (five) foot sidewalk had distinct advantages. The narrower width would appease adjacent property owners and make the project more constructible. The five foot sidewalk has been approved by the funding agency and complies with all local, state and federal requirements, therefore the sidewalk will be five feet wide.
4. Where is the sidewalk located in relation to curb?
In determining the location of the sidewalk, the design team tried to balance the needs and safety of the user and concerns of the adjacent property owners. The sidewalk buffer is 4 feet where the right of way allows it and moves closer to the road when r/w is constrained. There is a minimum of 2-foot buffer along the entire corridor.
5. Will all crosswalks be signalized?
Yes, all crosswalks at existing traffic lights will have pedestrian crossings and signals and will be designed to ADA standards.
6. Will there be audible signals at the intersections?
Audible signals are proposed for each intersection. The volume of the signal will be set at a maximum of 5 dBA louder than ambient sound. There will also be an automatic volume adjustment in response to ambient traffic sound level which means that it will be quieter at night.
7. Is the Urban Forester involved with this Project?
Tim Queary, the LFUCG Urban Forester, has been, and will continue to be involved in this project. He has reviewed the current plans in the areas that are of concern.

8. How is the LFUCG planning to replace screening/honeysuckle along the corridor?
The LFUCG will replace existing vegetative screening, if removed, with a native species that is acceptable in State-owned right-of-way. The new vegetation will be smaller than the existing vegetation but will mature over time. A landscape plan will be developed during the Final Design Phase and the adjacent property owners will have an opportunity to review and comment before plans are finalized.
9. Will the city return my property to its original state if I grant them the 10' construction easement?
- Any landscaping items (fences, shrubs, trees, etc.) that might be damaged during construction within this temporary construction easement will be valued and compensation will be added to the easement cost. This will allow the property owner to contract with their landscaper of choice to replace any of these items. Replacement of grass area will be the responsibility of the LFUCG and no cost to the property owner will be incurred.
 - Landscaping items that are located within the existing right of way will not be compensated for unless the property owner has an existing encroachment easement from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) that specifies that KYTC is responsible for damages.
10. Can I have my trees trimmed by a professional rather than leave it up to the construction contractor?
Yes, at your own expense.
11. How many utility poles will be relocated and trees removed.
At this point in the design:
- Approximately 3 light poles and 4 utility poles will be relocated or removed
 - Approximately 14 signal poles will be either reused, removed, or relocated
 - Approximately 15 trees will be removed (5 in front of Lansdowne Shoppes)
12. Is anyone coordinating with the Division of Water Quality about possible storm or sewer improvements in the near future?
Yes. Plans have been submitted to the LFUCG Division of Water Quality for their review and comments.
13. Will the sidewalk create a drainage problem on private property or add to current drainage problems?
No. The sidewalk will be sloped toward the street and the land disturbance for construction will be minimal.
14. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk?
Each owner of real estate abutting the right-of-way is responsible. See LFUCG Code of Ordinances Chapter 17; Article I, Section 17-31 and Article IV, Section 17-147
15. Are bicycles allowed on the sidewalk?
Yes, however, it will not be encouraged nor signed as a bikeway. It is likely that less skilled bicyclists and children will use the sidewalk to bike.
16. What is the Construction estimate?
Preliminary design estimates show that the project is still within the budget of \$1,014,000.
17. What is the construction schedule for the project?
Construction will start this summer and be finished by fall.